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Notice to Members of National Association

Only a limited edition of the transactions of The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, held in Cincinnati, May 9th to 11th, 1917, will be printed this year. The executive office will probably not be able to supply members with a copy unless a request for this volume is received in advance of publication. To insure a copy, notification must be received not later than August 1st, 1917.

When the Board of Directors authorized the publication of the American Review of Tuberculosis, it was at first proposed to discontinue the annual volume of transactions, but it was later decided to continue the publication at least for the coming year, and possibly indefinitely. A referendum vote of the members as to their desires in this matter brought replies from 476 favoring discontinuance and from 331 asking that publication be continued. Those in the latter group have already been listed for the coming volume. All others who desire copies should communicate promptly with the executive office.

Copies bound in cloth instead of paper covers will be furnished to members upon payment of 50 cents. It should be noted also that copies of previous transactions may be purchased by members for 50 cents in paper cover, or $1.00, bound in cloth.

Copies of the coming volume will be supplied to non-members for $1.00 each in paper, or $1.50 in cloth, if notification is received by August 1st. Transactions of any of the previous meetings of the Association may be obtained at the same price.

Important Action Taken at Annual Meeting

The accompanying table shows the list of representatives from various states who were in attendance at the annual meeting of the National Association, May 9th to 11th, at Cincinnati. This is the largest meeting in point of view of registration that the Association has ever had and it is significant to note that more than 400 out-of-town visitors were present with representatives from as far away as India and the Philippine Islands.

Recommendations to Defense Council

Action was taken by the Association through formal resolution on a number of important matters. One resolution relating particularly to the war is of vital significance to all anti-tuberculosis workers. It is as follows:

"Inasmuch as Dr. Franklin Martin of the Advisory Committee of the General Medical Board of the Council of National Defense has written to the President of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, for recommendations to the Medical Board concerning tuberculosis, to be sent to the sub-committee of the Board, namely, Dr. Hermann Biggs, Chairman, Mr. Homer Folks, Dr. Lawrason Brown, Dr. George T. Palmer, Dr. Edward R. Baldwin and Dr. Charles R. Grandy, the following resolutions have been prepared:

"Whereas, It has been the experience of the warring nations of Europe that cases of incipient and even moderately advanced tuberculosis are frequently unrecognized in the routine examination of recruits; and

"Whereas, Inactive tuberculosis is frequently rendered active by the physical and mental strain and exposure of modern warfare; and

"Whereas, The appalling prevalence of tuberculosis in the armies both in the field and in the concentration camps with the inevitable and widespread extension of the infection from these to civilian population is the *greatest* of all health problems presented by the present war; and

"Whereas, The extreme gravity of the situation demands that the services of all the most highly trained men available be utilized most effectively for protection against the occurrence of conditions now prevailing in France and other countries; and

"Whereas, The continued presence in their several communities of men and women now engaged in tuberculosis and other health work is likewise necessary for the conservation of the health of our people, and to care for returning invalided soldiers, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis in convention assembled pledges its loyal support to the Government; and further

"Resolved, That the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis urges upon the Council of National Defense the following measures:

"I. The registration and organization for the term of the war of the tuberculosis workers of our country, including clinicians, Roentgenologists, laboratory workers, nurses, social workers and administration officers, and their commission as reserve officers.

"II. The division of the country into districts in which these new federal forces may be utilized without unduly interfering with the present vital work of conserving the health of their several localities.

"III. The employment of these forces for the following specific purposes:

"(a) To make under the command of a ranking medical officer of the army corps, repeated routine examination and observation of recruits while in training and mobilization camps for the purpose of detecting any obscure tuberculous lesions;

"(b) To utilize and enlarge the existing sanatoria and hospitals of our country so that all cases of tuberculosis arising in our forces may be adequately cared for as near as possible to their homes;

"(c) To work out in co-operation with existing health authorities a definite, comprehensive and constructive program for adequate prevention and control of tuberculosis among the whole population."

Tuberculosis Nurses in Wartime

A second resolution with regard to the attitude of tuberculosis nurses toward enrolment in active hospital service is also vitally significant. Anti-tuberculosis associations and others who read the

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Bulletin are urged to give this resolution the widest publicity. It is as follows:

"Whereas, A large number of public health nurses have already enrolled or are being urged to enroll in the active service of the American Red Cross and other agencies for nursing work during the war; and

"Whereas, The Red Cross and other bedside nursing can be done as well by the regular graduate and undergraduate nurses as by those who have had special training in public health work, while we have no substitutes available for the latter, and

"Whereas, Our national efficiency, depending as it does upon our national health, demands of each of us that we give our services where they will be of the widest benefit rather than follow our personal inclinations; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis urge upon all public health nurses and particularly upon those who have had special training in tuberculosis work that they can best serve our country in its present crisis by continuing, for the present at least, to employ their energies with the complicated health problems of our various communities."

National Prohibition Urged

Prohibition was also recognized by the Association and a resolution was adopted urging the prohibition of alcoholic liquors during the war and for one year thereafter. This resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, Several of the European countries engaged in the great war have found it desirable to place themselves on a prohibition basis,

"Whereas, We wish to neglect nothing that will make for the general good of the service, and

"Whereas, Our loyalty in such time of stress should lead us to ask nothing of those going to the front which those remaining are not willing to demand of themselves; therefore be it

"Resolved, That this Association place itself on record as favoring national prohibition both for soldiers and civilians during the war period and for one year thereafter."

Services Offered to Red Cross

An offer of coöperation with the American Red Cross was made in the following resolution:

"Whereas, The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis has an organization extending throughout every state of the Union which is thoroughly conversant with the health conditions and philanthropic activities, and

"Whereas, The American Red Cross is confronted with the immense task of coordinating the health and philanthropic activities throughout the country; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis offers to the President of the American Red Cross the services of its organization for coöperation in promoting Red Cross work in any form that may be determined upon."

Exploitation of Fake Cures Abroad Condemned

The recent action of the U. S. Department of Commerce in urging exploitation of China by the patent medicine interests was condemned in the following resolution:

"Whereas, The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis is opposed to the vending of patent medicines and the self-administration of 'Cures' for various diseases; and

"Whereas, The American Medical Association has also condemned the sale and use of self-administered 'Cures'; and

"Whereas, The patent medicine interests of the United States have been seeking an outlet for their trade in foreign countries; and

"Whereas, The United States Department of Commerce in its special Consular Report No. 76, issued in March, 1917, has advocated and urged upon the patent medicine interests of the United States that they exploit China and the Chinese people as a lucrative field for their business; be it

"Resolved, That the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis condemns such action on the part of the United States Department of Commerce, and that the Executive Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the secretary of said Department, urging that hereafter the influence of the United States Government should not be used in support of the patent medicine business."

Russell Sage Foundation Thanked

Two resolutions of thanks were expressed as follows:

"Whereas, Since the year 1907, the Russell Sage Foundation has generously contributed to the work of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, making it possible for the Association to carry on such activities as publicity, the publication of the directory and the development of work in the field, the financing of which would have been extremely difficult, and

"Whereas, The trustees of the Russell Sage Foundation feel unable to longer continue their annual grant to the National Association, be it

"Resolved, That the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis thus publicly expresses and records its appreciation and thanks for this service of the Russell Sage Foundation; and that the Executive Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the directors of the Russell Sage Foundation."

Appreciation of Excellent Local Arrangements

"Resolved, That the thanks of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis be extended to the Local Committee of Arrangements, to the Cincinnati Anti-Tuberculosis League, to the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, and to all of those who have helped to promote the attendance at this 13th annual meeting, and to make it a success."

List of Representatives From the Various States in Attendance at Annual Meeting May 9-11, 1917.

Alabama	1
California	5
Canada	8
Colorado	2
Connecticut	7
District of Columbia	2
Georgia	6
Illinois	35
Indiana	38
Iowa	1
Kentucky	54
Louisiana	1
Maryland	4
Massachusetts	10
Michigan	20
Minnesota	20

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Results of 1916 Red Cross Seal Sale

Class A—Populations up to 1,250,000

	Population 1916, Est.	No. Seals Sold 1915	Per Capita Sale 1915	No. Seals Sold 1916	Per Capita Sale 1916
Wyoming	140,775	134,922	.774	378,351	2.681
Connecticut	1,244,479	2,564,532	2.095	3,290,836	2.644
Rhode Island	610,584	1,382,599	2.293	1,509,884	2.473
Vermont	363,699	75,567	.208	609,116	1.674
South Dakota	582,506	544,110	.800	753,941	1.294
New Hampshire	442,506	133,649	.303	572,100	1.292
Montana	459,494	245,863	.551	581,069	1.264
Arizona	255,544	207,611	.839	322,745*	1.263
Hawaii	215,741	215,385	1,016	242,010	1.121
Nevada	106,734	56,576	.550	109,900	1.029
Utah	434,083	181,223	.427	424,982	.979
Colorado	962,060	593,984	.634	828,232	.860
Oregon	835,741	448,976	.554	621,719	.744
Maine	772,489	493,299	.642	557,354	.722
New Mexico	410,283	76,030	.191	294,225	.717
District of Columbia	363,980	342,540	.955	238,285	.654
Delaware	213,380	66,570	.314	121,576	.569
Idaho	428,586	206,001	.499	213,742	.498
Florida	954,066	281,150	.322	364,271	.382
North Dakota	652,103	136,146	.190	236,741	.363

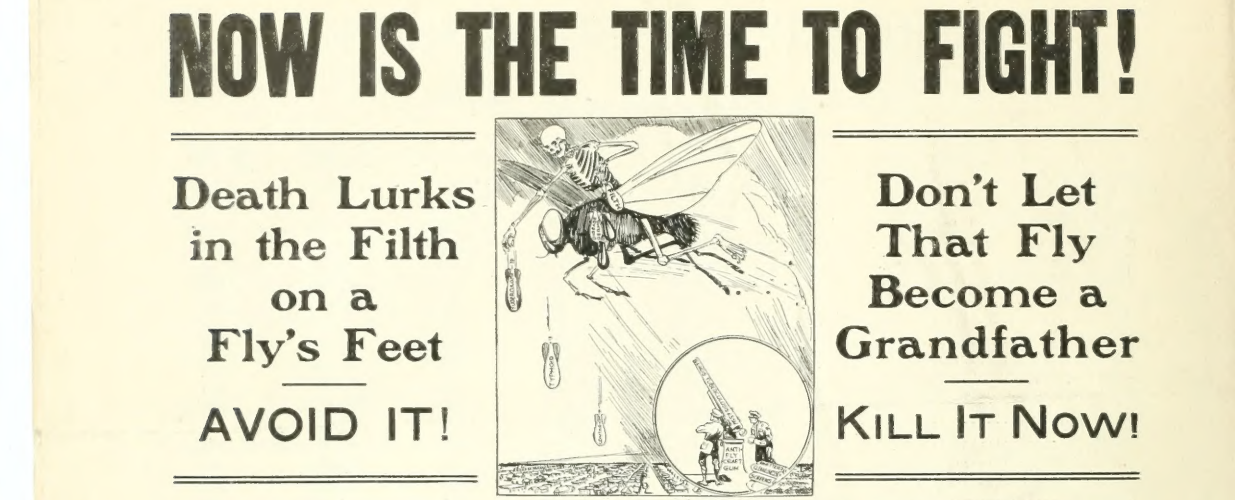
Class B—Populations from 1,250,000 to 2,400,000

Minnesota	2,279,603	3,012,000	1.340	3,900,000	1.710
Maryland	1,362,807	978,686	.723	1,200,063	.880
Iowa	2,369,742	1,401,489	.631	2,002,550	.845
Virginia	2,192,019	1,121,891	.517	1,653,217	.754
Washington	1,534,221	578,798	.393	981,756	.640
West Virginia	1,386,038	683,044	.502	834,122	.602
Kansas	1,667,513	292,920	.161	713,043	.428
Tennessee	2,288,004	305,000	.134	954,220	.417
Alabama	2,332,608	908,868	.394	824,534*	.353
Nebraska	1,271,375	368,014	.292	394,183	.310
Kentucky	2,379,639	499,378	.211	650,000*	.273
Arkansas	1,739,723	166,970	.098	441,373	.254
Louisiana	1,829,130	296,213	.164	420,531	.230
South Carolina	1,625,475	238,672	.148	353,520	.217
Mississippi	1,951,674	351,004	.182	361,058	.185
Oklahoma	2,202,081	201,069	.095	223,948	.101

Class C—Populations over 2,400,000

New York	9,809,104	18,363,155	1.820	21,768,480	2.219
Wisconsin	2,500,350	3,622,656	1.464	4,981,000*	1.992
New Jersey	2,909,273	3,351,760	1.163	5,125,224	1.762
Indiana	2,816,817	2,920,820	1.043	4,078,032	1.448
Missouri	3,410,692	2,948,368	.869	4,560,000	1.337
Ohio	5,150,356	4,000,000	.786	6,210,099	1.189
Michigan	3,054,854	2,626,695	.871	3,584,055*	1.173
California	2,938,654	2,520,012	.884	3,292,660	1.120
Pennsylvania	8,522,017	8,023,249	.766	9,081,331*	1.066
Illinois	6,152,257	5,109,428	.831	6,291,856	1.023
Massachusetts	3,775,720	2,411,118	.658	2,816,241	.746
North Carolina	2,402,738	803,386	.338	1,206,325	.502
Texas	4,429,566	360,474	.082	1,716,867*	.387
Georgia	2,856,065	897,081	.318	993,975	.348

* Preliminary.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New State Associations

Kentucky Public Health and Welfare League

The Kentucky Public Health and Welfare League was organized at Louisville on April 28th, with a board of directors composed of representatives from all parts of the state. The officers of the league are: President, J. Whit Potter, Bowling Green; Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Stunston, Mayfield; Treasurer, W. R. Sphar, Winchester; Executive Secretary, Dr. W. L. Heizer, Frankfort. More than fifty public health leaders were present at the organization meeting and plans were made for a state-wide survey, including a report for the Council of National Defense, showing the institutional resources of Kentucky for the care of tuberculous soldiers, together with a statement as to the possible emergency expansion. The new league was organized with the assistance of Frederick D. Hopkins, field secretary of the National Association.

Oklahoma State Anti-Tuberculosis Association

Within the past month the Oklahoma State Anti-Tuberculosis Association has been reorganized under the direction of Charles M. De Forest, field secretary of the National Association. Mr. E. K. Gaylord of Oklahoma City was elected president of the State association.

South Carolina Anti-Tuberculosis Association

The South Carolina Anti-Tuberculosis Association was formally organized on March 13. Prof. Reed Smith of Columbia is the president of the association and Miss Elizabeth Sumner the executive secretary. Miss Sumner has been serving in the same capacity with the State Red Cross Seal Commission, of which the present association is an outgrowth. Frederick D. Hopkins, field secretary of the National Association, attended the organization meeting.

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Missouri	7
Montana	2
Nebraska	2
New Jersey	13
New Hampshire	1
New Mexico	5
New York City	14
New York State	25
North Carolina	9
Ohio (State)	86
(City of Cincinnati)	404
Pennsylvania	10
Philippine Islands	1
Rhode Island	1
Tennessee	1
Texas	1
Vermont	2
Virginia	7
West Virginia	1
Washington	1
Wisconsin	10
India	1
TOTAL	818

A New Metropolitan Circular

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company have recently issued an attractive circular entitled "Tuberculosis Is Preventable." The circular is printed on one side 8 by 11 inches, in two colors, red and green. It has three unusually attractive pictures illustrating the ideas of rest, fresh air and good food. Copies of it may be obtained from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, 1 Madison avenue, New York City.

A Fly Trap Garbage Can

The Scherffius Company, of Evansville, Indiana, have recently put out a sanitary trash receptacle that has some interesting aspects for public health workers. The receptacles are designed for use in parks and on street corners and elsewhere. While the distribution of receptacles of this nature is not primarily a function of anti-tuberculosis societies, they are frequently called upon to give advice in regard to such devices.

This receptable has an automatic closing door, a closed top, removable fireproof bag, a self-baiting fly trap at the bottom, and an indestructible fireproof frame and sides. The fly trap feature is of particular significance. Further information concerning this device may be obtained from the company.